

## No generators for Nablus

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (R). — The Israeli military government in the occupied West Bank has rejected a request by the Nablus Municipality to install three large electric generators, a gift from former residents of the town now living abroad. The Mayor of Nablus Bassam Al Shaqa, said he had been promised the \$5 million needed for the project. But military government officials said the town could be connected to the Israeli national grid at a cost of only \$160,000, which would then provide electricity to the population at a much cheaper rate. Many West Bank Arab towns have refused to join the national Israeli electricity network because it will bring them even more into the Israeli sphere of control.

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## PLO-Syrian agreement clouds Vance mission

BEIRUT, Aug. 2 (Agencies). — Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization have given new written form to their recent reconciliation in an agreement, indicated here today, for a joint approach to the Middle East peace search, expected to have widespread repercussions.

Observers said the agreement, confirmed by a Palestinian source after a report in the Lebanese daily Al Anwar, would complicate the Middle East peace mission which the American secretary of state began in Cairo yesterday.

Mr. Vance would be faced with a unified Syria-PLO position at a time when Israeli officials have confirmed a refusal to negotiate with the Palestinians even if the PLO subscribed to the U.N. Security Council resolutions, the observers said.

The agreement as confirmed by the Palestinian source today provided for participation by an independent Palestinian delegation at a resumed Geneva Middle East peace conference, and recognised the PLO's right to set up an independent state on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza strip.

At the same time Syria and the PLO rejected the establishment of "formal links between the PLO and Jordan before the Geneva conference was resumed and an independent Palestinian state created.

Observers noted that this contrasted with the attitude of President Sadat, who was ready to seek a compromise on the subject of Palestinian representation at Geneva and was calling for Palestinian-Jordanian links before a Geneva resumption.

The Palestinian source said a later step would include relations between the PLO and Jordan, but only within the framework of a Syrian-Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

According to reports here today, Syria and the PLO reached their new agreement three weeks ago, and it constituted a prelude to the implementation which began in Lebanon last Saturday of the 1969 Cairo agreement regulating the Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

Observers said the speed with which these arrangements were sought in vain by Lebanese authorities for several years got under way indicated Syria's wish to show it possessed a master card.

Syria had thus to a large extent contributed to the halt in Lebanese hostilities, having sent 25,000 men to ensure security, and to improve relations with the Palestinian resistance which were at their worst during the civil war that ended last year.

Al Anwar said President Hafiz Al Assad of Syria would be putting the substance of the Syrian-Palestinian agreement to Mr. Vance when he visits Damascus Wednesday.

Palestinian officials in Beirut said that Syria and the PLO on the lines reported by the Middle East conflict was being coordinated at the highest level — a reference to President Assad and commander Yasser Arafat.

Damascus is regarded as a key stop on the secretary of state's tour because the Syrian leadership has begun playing the role of chief protector of the commandos. Syria has managed to convince the leadership of the PLO that its interests are being promoted more actively by Damascus than by any other Arab capital.

Observers here said that a written agreement with the PLO on the lines reported by Al Anwar would further narrow President Assad's room to manoeuvre in talks with the Americans while bolstering his prestige in the eyes of the Palestinians.

Earlier the Palestine commando movement called for a high level Arab meeting to discuss the Middle East situation and said it would resist attempts against the creation of an independent Palestinian state. This came in a statement issued by the PLO executive committee at the conclusion here late last night of two-day

meetings chaired by commando leader Yasser Arafat.

The statement said the meeting reviewed "all circumstances through which the Palestine case is passing at the current stage," and came out with a number of conclusions.

The PLO insisted on representation with the rest of the parties concerned "on an independent and equal basis in all efforts undertaken on Arab and international levels to deal with the Palestine and Middle East problem," it added.

"A just settlement cannot be fulfilled in isolation of the Palestinian people represented by the PLO, and ignoring this fact would seriously threaten the region's security and world peace," the statement said.

Indirectly referring to Israeli opposition to the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza strip, the statement said:

"The executive committee in keeping with resolutions adopted (in Cairo earlier this year) by the Palestine National Council (parliament-in-exile), affirms it will not stand idly by in the face of any attempts to ignore our full independence on our national soil.

"It will firmly resist any attempts to contest PLO representation of the Palestinian people..." it added.

The statement warned against attempts to "split the Arab case and impose the so-called 'Israeli peace on the region... and affirms the Palestinian people's determination to continue and step up the armed struggle."

The committee concluded by appealing to "all allied and friendly forces" for support and calling for "a high-level Arab meeting to adopt a unified Arab stand on the current situation."

## Rightist commander says his forces must retain control of south Lebanon

METULLAH, South Lebanon, Aug. 2 (R). — A rightist military leader said today that his Christian forces must keep control of their sectors in war-torn south Lebanon in spite of a new peace agreement under which Lebanese regular troops were due to be deployed in the region.

Maj. Saif Haddad, commander of the rightist Christian militia, told a press conference here: "There is no Lebanese army apart from ourselves today. If there is somebody to keep order in the area, it is us."

Under a two-stage plan for the implementation of the Cairo agreement worked out with the consent of the Christian militia and leftist Muslims and their Palestinian guerrilla allies, and due to come into force a week ago, the two sides agreed to disengage their forces in south Lebanon with regular troops taking control.

Maj. Haddad accused the United States of helping Syria to take over Lebanon, hoping to "draw the Syrians from the Russians side."

"But the Americans are wrong. Syria will never abandon the Soviet Union," he said. Maj. Haddad said that during the 16 months of fighting in south Lebanon, 20 rightwing militiamen were killed and several hundred wounded in the biggest rightist enclave, just across the border from here.

This enclave consists of five Christian villages, which Maj. Haddad said were surrounded by over 3,000 Palestinian guerrillas.

He denied, however, foreign reports that Israeli troops were active in the fighting. "Israel is the only country in the world which understands our problem and helps us," he said.

## King Hussein returns from Iran



RETURN — His Majesty King Hussein was greeted by Crown Prince Hassan upon his return here Tuesday morning at the end of a weeklong visit to Iran during which he met with the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and discussed with him current international affairs and developments in the Middle East. The two monarchs also discussed bilateral relations and existing cooperation between their two countries.

His Majesty was welcomed at the airport by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, Crown Prince Hassan, Princes Abdullah and Faisal, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, the Chief of the Royal Court, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil, the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, cabinet ministers and top ranking army, and government officials as well as the Iranian charge d'affaires in Amman.

His Majesty was accompanied on his visit by Princess Rasma, Minister of Court Amer Khamasah and the Court Chamberlain, Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zeid. (JNA photo).

## To discuss relations with Somalia Ethiopia seeks emergency meet of OAU Ministerial Council

LONDON, Aug. 2 (R). — Ethiopia has asked the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to call an emergency session of the OAU Ministerial Council to discuss what it termed "Somalia's armed aggression" against Ethiopia, the Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) said today.

Ethiopian Foreign Minister Feleke Gedde-Ghiorgis formulated the request in messages sent to Gabonese Foreign Minister Martin Bongo, Chairman of the OAU Ministerial Council and to OAU Secretary General William Eteki Mboumdua.

Mr. Ghiorgis also conferred here today with the heads of African diplomatic missions to seek the backing of their countries for the emergency meeting.

In Paris today, Somali diplomatic sources denied that Mogadishu was directly involved in the Ogaden conflict, in southeastern Ethiopia and said that Addis Ababa was trying to internationalise the conflict to check gains made by the Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF).

Observers believe that the urgent Ethiopian request reflected a deterioration of the border conflict with Somalia, which Addis Ababa accused of "armed invasion" last July 23.

Dr. Gedde-Ghiorgis today briefed African diplomats in Addis Ababa on the worsening situation between the two countries. Ethiopia had limited the defence of its territory within its international boundaries, he said.

Ethiopia's call for an urgent meeting follows reports of Somali military successes in southeastern Ethiopia.

In London, the Somali embassy announced today that the WSLF had captured the strategic town of Dagabur in the north of the disputed Ogaden desert.

Savage battles had earlier been reported around Dagabur by the WSLF which seeks to end Ethiopian rule in the Ogaden.

Front communiques spoke of the rout of a big force of Ethiopian paratroopers thrown into the battle for town last week. Somalia's embassy said today Dagabur and nearby Awrah "have been liberated by the front together with large quantities of arms and ammunition."

Somalia denies Ethiopian charges that its regular army has joined the Ogaden war, although it is openly sympathetic to the liberation front — formed of guerrillas who are ethnically Somalis.

The focus of the fighting in the Horn of Africa now seems to have shifted firmly to the rugged country around Harar on the northwest shoulder of the Ogaden.

Meanwhile, in a dispatch from Addis Ababa, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported today that in the last three days, Somali planes bombed Ethiopian government forces concentrated around Awrah and Dagabur, eastern Ogaden, causing "heavy casualties" among the local civilian population.

The Tanjug correspondent also reported that a huge blood donation campaign was now under way here and that many firms were putting in extra working hours to support the "country's war effort."

Tanjug added that gasoline rationing was recently introduced.

ENA also reported today that Dr. Gedde-Ghiorgis had summoned the British and American envoys in Addis Ababa to meet him on the question of arms supplies to Somalia. Last week the British and U.S. governments said they were agreed in principle to supply arms to Somalia for defence purposes.

Earlier this week, an official here dismissed the possibility of a meeting between Egyptian and Libyan representatives to discuss the dispute.

A few days earlier a Palestinian official in Cairo said a high-level meeting between the two countries would be held either in Algiers or Kuwait between Aug. 1 and 10.

Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem, addressing the same assembly session, described Col. Qadhafi as "the petty irresponsible tyrant." MENA reported. Mr. Salem said: "Col. Qadhafi will be held responsible for any harm that might be caused to Egyptians working in Libya. Egypt's treatment of Libyans here will be equal to the Libyans' treatment of the Egyptians."

The Prime Minister said there was a plan to bring all Egyptians home from the Jamahiriyah if necessary.

There are more than 200,000 Egyptians working in the Jamahiriyah and Mr. Salem said it was up to them if they wanted to return.

He said Egypt had no claims in Libyan territory but he denounced what he called "Qadhafi's abnormal and irresponsible acts against Egypt."

The agency quoted the Minister, General Mohammad Abdel Ghanl Gamassi, as telling parliament: "The (recent) Libyan aggression on Egypt's western border is part of a large plan to stir troubles in the region and the Libyan regime is carrying out this plan because it suits its aims against Egypt."

General Gamassi was reporting to the People's Assembly on the situation on the western border following military clashes with the Jamahiriyah which began on July 21 and lasted for four days. The fighting followed three years of sharp disputes between the two neighbours.

General Gamassi charged the Soviet Union with providing the Jamahiriyah with large quantities of arms "more than Libya can absorb".

He also accused Moscow of giving weapons to Ethiopia "to use against Somalia and Eritrea".

## Arab-Israeli ministerial meet suggested Vance, Sadat propose M.E. talks in U.S.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 2 (R). — The United States and Egypt today proposed a summit of Arab-Israeli foreign ministers in the U.S. to pave the way for a resumption of Middle East peace talks in Geneva, American Secretary of State Cyrus Vance announced.

He described the proposal, which originally came from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, as "excellent" and said he would press it on other Middle East countries he will visit in coming days.

Mr. Vance spoke at a press conference, with Mr. Sadat at his side, after two days of talks with Egyptian leaders which have begun his Middle East tour.

Mr. Vance said the foreign ministers would meet as a working group to prompt a resumption of the Geneva peace talks which have been stalled since 1973.

But there were also signs of disharmony as Mr. Vance and Mr. Sadat answered questions on the lawn of the Egyptian leader's summer home on Egypt's Mediterranean coast.

Mr. Sadat, who looked grave, said in an opening statement that he and Mr. Vance had differed during their discussions on points which he refused to disclose.

Mr. Sadat said: "At this point, there is no use at all in starting any arguments while we are starting on the main issues."

A main intention of Mr. Vance's mission is to find out how the Palestinians can be represented at the Geneva conference following an Israeli rejection of attendance by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

But he is also discussing substantial issues which must be settled before a final peace is reached.

The secretary of state is on a 10-day swing through five Arab countries and Israel.

The Egyptian leader first proposed a meeting in the United States of Middle East foreign ministers when he visited Washington for talks with President Carter last April.

Mr. Vance said a session could be held in either New York or Washington in the middle of September and could continue "as long as it is useful to do so."

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko would be invited to participate and the United Nations kept informed of the progress in discussions, he added.

But the PLO would not be invited.

The Soviet Union is a co-chairman of the Geneva conference along with the United States.

Mr. Sadat, meanwhile, made clear that he had no objections to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan but the Egyptian leader stressed that such talks would not be allowed to develop into bilateral negotiations.

Mr. Vance is due to fly on tomorrow to Lebanon and Syria. Later he will visit Jordan and Saudi Arabia before winding up his trip in Israel on Aug. 10.

State department spokesman Hodding Carter said earlier that Mr. Vance might also pay a return visit to Egypt for further talks at the end of his mission. This was confirmed by President Sadat.

Mr. Carter stressed the first contacts with the Egyptians had been "extremely warm" very fruitful, very helpful.

President Sadat said at the joint press conference that some Israeli positions outlined by Mr. Vance were more positive than expected.

But "to be frank, there are some positive elements, also some negative elements," he said. "We should work together to minimise the differences."

Mr. Vance said the proposed meeting in the U.S. would deal with all the outstanding Middle East issues including the shape of a final peace settlement, territorial boundaries and the future of the Palestinians.

But he doubted whether it would surmount all the obstacles so completely that only loose ends were left to be tied up at Geneva.

received affirming that large Egyptian forces are still being massed on the border... preliminary to launching a new aggression."

Mr. Jalloud also accused the United States of intervening on Egypt's side in the last round of fighting.

"Four (American) pilotless planes were shot down before the aggression was launched in the border area and the wreckage is still there" the premier said.

The United states had also supplied Egypt with arms, he charged.

The Lebanese newspaper Al Safir quoted Mr. Jalloud as saying that Egyptian troops and aircraft had been transferred to the border area in the Western Desert where the two countries clashed for four days.

ARNA said he told reporters: "The only solution is for Egypt to pull far back from our borders."

Egypt wanted to control Libyan territory and its oil resources, Mr. Jalloud said. "There can be no solution unless a coup takes place in Egypt or there is a change in Egyptian policy."

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## Minister briefs Arab envoys

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim Tuesday afternoon met with Arab envoys to Jordan and briefed them on Jordan's attitude on the special political movements related to the Middle East situation and the convening of the Geneva peace conference. Mr. Ibrahim also explained Jordan's efforts concerning the Israeli decision to legalise three settlements in the occupied West Bank and the necessity for stopping such actions. He added that Jordan affirms the need for a coordinated stand of the confrontation states and the Arabs in all present efforts and especially those aimed at an overall settlement and just peace. This would only be fulfilled through complete Israeli withdrawal from the lands occupied in 1967 and the recognition of Palestinian rights.

Syrian newspapers today underlined the importance of sufficient preparations to ensure the success of resumed Geneva peace talks before convening the meeting.

Al Baath, organ of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, said if Mr. Vance was seeking a resumption of the Geneva talks, "serious preparations should first be made" to ensure the success of the conference.

"The conspiracies aimed at undermining Syria's steadfastness and weakening its internal front are still continuing in various forms and destined to exert pressure on Syria so that it may go to Geneva without self-support or Arab backing," it added.

The government newspaper Tishrin said the Arab countries concerned would determine their attitude towards the U.S. in the light of proposals or ideas carried by Mr. Vance.

## Gush Emunim boss expects more settlements

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## Information meet starts in Tunisia

TUNIS, Aug. 2 (R). — Arab information ministers opened a conference here yesterday to discuss proposals to step up their information campaign in Latin America, Australia, Asia and Africa.

The ministers, meeting under the chairmanship of Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nour, will also discuss proposals for a joint meeting with Arab foreign ministers.

Information plays an important part in moulding a favourable image for the Arab cause throughout the world, Mr. Nour said.

World misunderstanding of the Arab position had played a part in the Arab defeat by Israel 10 years ago in the June war, he added.



Rich Elizabethan costumes mark the gala performance of "Antony and Cleopatra" at the Palace of Culture Tuesday evening. (J.T. photo).

## Prospect performance: Sumptuous love, irrevocable raison d'etat

By Irene Ramadan  
Special to the Jordan Times

Certainly it will be a milestone in the cultural life of Amman. The Prospect Theatre Company gave a gala performance of "Antony and Cleopatra" at the Palace of Culture Tuesday evening.

The gala opening was attended by His Majesty King Hussein, Prince Mohammad and his wife Princess Ferial, Princess Basma, Premier Mudar Badran, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, Minister of Culture Sharif Fawwaz Sbaraf, ex-Greek King Constantine, ministers and diplomats, including British Ambassador John Moberly.

The Prospect performances -- "Antony and Cleopatra" on Tuesday and "Hamlet" on Wednesday and Thursday -- are jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture and the British Council.

The gala spectators were treated to a play of well-known and talented actors, who brought everyone into the atmosphere of a refined and subtle production.

Although it is a fresh approach to Shakespeare, the Prospect

Antony and Cleopatra remains a conservative show. Yet this classical label does not take anything away from its great quality.

The harmony of staging and the simplified set gave more dimension to the excellent acting on a proscenium specially built for the occasion.

Directed by Toby Robertson, the play progressed with stimulating vigour and the actors possessed the necessary presence to personify the hero. Dothy Tuin was Cleopatra; Alec McCowen, Antony; and Derek Jacobi Octavius Caesar.

Jacobi stood out as the best actor in the performance.

The very rich Elizabethan costumes -- designed by Nicholas Georgiadis, who was inspired by a Tiepolo painting -- instead of the orthodox Roman and Egyptian costumes, suggested all the grandeur of this emotional political play.

The Prospect put emphasis on the fact that this legendary couple, knowing their ability to overcome their political fate, refuse to give up their mutual love -- sumptuous love which will last until death in spite of the irrevocability of the raison d'etat.

## Meet to discuss bids for satellite project

AMMAN (JNA). — The Director General of the Telecommunications Corporation, Mohammad Shahed Ismail, Monday left here to take part in the meeting of the board of the Arab Space Communications Institute in Riyadh.

## Ma'an fetes silver jubilee

AMMAN (JNA). — Ma'an Governorate Wednesday celebrated His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee.

On that occasion, festivities will be held throughout the governorate. Processions will take place in the streets of the city and horse and camel races will be organised.

His Majesty will sponsor a sports festival at Ma'an Directorate of Agriculture on the same day.



Miss Winifred Coate, well-known British philanthropist, receives the Independence Decoration of the Second Order, which was bestowed upon her by King Hussein in appreciation for her long service to Jordan in the fields of education and social development. (JNA photo).

## U.S. political scientist: Arab World will take radical road if no peace is achieved

Dr. William Griffith, an eminent American political scientist, was recently on his ninth visit to Jordan to weigh up the situation in the Middle East. The Ford Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Centre of International Studies, as well as Adjunct Professor of Diplomatic History at Tuft University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, explained to the Jordan Times how he saw the situation in the region after a number of dramatic, and potentially unsettling, events.

By Lina Gress  
Special to the Jordan Times

A move towards radicalism is likely in both the Arab World and Israel if no peace settlement is reached in the Middle East: This is the clear message driven home by Dr. Griffith in his interview with the Jordan Times.

The election of Mr. Menachem Begin as Israeli Premier does not make a settlement any easier, he added. Frustration on both sides will replace the present moderation, and that can only lead to a radicalisation in the region, he stressed.

Dr. Griffith stated that three main changes have taken place: The power of Saudi Arabia has grown considerably; Mr. Begin has taken over in Israel; and U.S. President Jimmy Carter has outlined a

much more specific set of guidelines for a settlement than any other American president has ever done.

Trying to explain why American policy has evolved in the way it has Dr. Griffith said that President Carter has concluded that there are two major foreign policy problems -- both of equal importance and urgency -- which confront the administration.

One is the negotiation of a new strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union. The other is to bring about a settlement in the Middle East rapidly, because 1978 is a congressional election year and therefore more difficult for bringing about a settlement.

Mr. Carter has also indicated that the overwhelming majority of the American people, whether non-Jewish or

## Arab League deputy states

# Israel may adopt large-scale policy of settlement

AMMAN (JNA). — Arab League Assistant Secretary General Dr. Mohammad Al Farra Tuesday warned that developments in Israel point towards the adoption of a large-scale settlement policy.

The Arab League deputy was speaking to reporters at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, where a conference of supervisors of Palestinian affairs in Arab countries hosting refugees is taking place.

Dr. Al Farra added that the international community must put an end to this expansionist policy.

These developments have forced the Department of Palestinian Affairs at the Arab League to submit a resolution to the conference of supervisors urging it to raise the issue at the U.N. Security Council so such violations can be spotlighted.

Dr. Al Farra also considered it necessary for the Arabs to request the Security Council to compel Israel to annul such steps and to apply sanctions included in the U.N. Charter.

The legalisation of Israeli settlements constitutes a threat to current peace efforts and discredits all international pacts and treaties, he said.

He called on Arab governments to support the steadfastness of the Arabs in the occupied territories so they can continue their struggle against Israeli occupation.

He concluded by saying that the Department of Palestinian Affairs has already prepared a detailed memorandum on Zionist settlement in the occupied lands, with names and locations of all the settlements set up in the West Bank, Jerusalem, Golan Heights, Sinai and

Gaza and the trend in the Israeli policy of expansion.

The conference of supervisors, in its Tuesday session, expressed "dissatisfaction" at an exchange of ambassadors between Israel and Portugal.

The exchange should be studied by the Arab League Council when it meets in September, the conference, attended by Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt with a Palestine Liberation Organisation delegation, declared.

The conference also decided to inform UNESCO, the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation -- of a recent decision that the Israeli Rabbincal Council should control Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

It also recommended that the Arab bloc at the United Nations explain the far-reaching effects of this decision to heads of missions there.

Prince Hassan meets delegates

His Highness Crown Prince Hassan later met conference delegates at his office.

He called for more attention and care for Palestinian refugees in Arab host countries and for improvements in their social and technical standards.

The Crown Prince underlined the importance of concerted Arab efforts, particularly in the information field, in conveying the facts on the problems of the Palestinian refugees.

Dr. Al Farra and several delegation leaders informed Prince Hassan of the subjects discussed by the conference, particularly the question of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and attempts to judicialise Arab areas by driving out

## NATIONAL NOTES

\* AMMAN. — Her Majesty Zain Al Sharak, the Queen Mother, celebrated her birthday Tuesday.

\* AMMAN. — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities Tuesday decided to launch a two-month tourism information campaign in Australia in cooperation with an Australian firm.

\* AMMAN. — The Civil Defence Directorate Tuesday decided to open a centre in Suweilah as part of its plans to expand its services throughout the Kingdom.

\* AMMAN. — Minister of Transport Al S'heimat received the South Korean ambassador to Jordan Tuesday morning.

\* AMMAN. — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday opens an exhibition of Islamic antiquities found in Jordan. The exhibit is organised by the Department of Antiquities as part of the Kingdom's festivities for King Hussein's silver jubilee.

A nine-week secretarial course for 25 government students started at the Institute of Public Administration

\* AMMAN. — A ten-day course started at the Labour Institute Monday morning to familiarise employees of AIA, the Royal Jordanian Airline, with labour law, the role of the Ministry of Labour and safety and sanitary regulations.

\* AMMAN. — The military governor general Monday confirmed a one-month prison sentence passed by a special court on Ali Mohammad Saleh Salem Al Baba for trying to embezzle public funds.

\* AMMAN. — Acting Minister of Health Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh will lay the foundation stone of the Medical Company for Development and Investment's new factory on Aug. 8. The company was established in 1975 with a capital of JD 1 million.

\* AMMAN. — The Director General of Press and Publications, Mr. Ahmad Al Utoum, has lifted a ban imposed on the Kuwaiti daily Al Siyassah.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies Tuesday were concerned with the current visit of the Middle East Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, with a statement by President Carter that the Palestinians should recognise Israel and with the legalisation of Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

AL RA'I said that the current visit of Mr. Vance is the second to the Middle East since President Carter took over the U.S. administration six months ago.

The news is that Mr. Vance is less optimistic than President Carter over the possibility of reconvening the Geneva conference. The paper added that it does not only share Mr. Vance's pessimism but sees that the Arabs should not go to Geneva unless it is clearly agreed upon that the purpose of the Geneva conference is to implement U.N. resolution. This calls upon Mr. Begin's government to change its current stand of refusing to withdraw from the West Bank, to accept the fact of Palestinian national rights and to change its policy on settlements.

The paper added that preparing for another round of talks, in case the Geneva talks fail to convene, would not really add to the previous efforts by Messrs. Scranton, Rogers, and Kissinger.

The paper concluded by saying that Mr. Vance must encourage the Arabs if they are fed up with American laxity and extra generosity towards the Israelis. The Arabs know that it is U.S. responsibility to defend the U.N. by not permitting the rise of a new "Hitler", i.e. Begin, from destroying it as Hitler destroyed the League of Nations.

AL DUSTOUR, in an editorial entitled "Who should recognise whom?", said that President Carter in a recent statement, published in Time magazine, said that the Palestinians must recognise Israel before the USA recognises them.

The paper questions the logic of such a statement. It said that one would understand it if the USA had, at least, asked for a mutual recognition between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

The paper said that it is aware that President Carter's request to recognise Israel is due to the presence of a secret agreement between former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Israeli leaders, concluded during the negotiations for the second disengagement of troops on the Sinai front. The agreement stipulates that the USA was committed to refuse to recognise the Palestinians unless the latter recognised the Israelis. The paper said that although there is such an agreement, President Carter's "courageous" talk on Palestinian rights and a Palestinian homeland made one think that such a man would not accept an agreement concluded because of the cunning of Dr. Kissinger and the weakness of former President Gerald Ford.

The paper concluded by saying that the Israelis must first recognise the Palestinians who were the ones driven out of their homeland, otherwise it would be much more difficult to realise peace.

AL AKHBAR said that the Israeli policy on settlements is a practical translation of Israeli expansionist policy and the whole question of peace. The paper added that the legalisation of settlements by Mr. Begin's government places new obstacles in the way of Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands.

Israel would surely bring out the problem of the settlements in peace negotiations as obstacles to any withdrawal. The paper continued that, thus, the Israeli decision to legalise such settlements is of grave

## Local company to transport goods for government

AMMAN (JNA). — A one-year agreement was signed with a local transport company Tuesday to carry out all the government's transport services.

Government agencies, ministries, the Public Security Department and the Armed Forces can request vehicles from the company to transport goods. It must then provide them within two hours of the request being made.

The agreement was signed for the government by Minister of Finance Mohammad Dabbas.

## Prince Hassan to open Housing Bank branch in Irbid

AMMAN (JNA). — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday morning opens a new branch of the Housing Bank in Irbid.

The bank has opened 10 branches and three offices in a number of governorates and districts in the past three years as part of its policy to expand its services.

## C-in-C opens U. of J. military exhibition

AMMAN (JNA). — The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt.-Gen. Zeid Ibn Shaker, opened a military exhibition at the Alumni Club of the University of Jordan Tuesday evening.

The exhibition, relating the story of the army, contains arms used by the army, historical pictures and a collection of books and pamphlets explaining its birth and development since King Hussein came to the throne.

## Head of Saudi university tours Yarmouk

IRBID (JNA). — The President of Yarmouk University, Dr. Adnan Badran, Tuesday discussed with the visiting President of Riyadh's Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud University, Dr. Abdullah Al Turki, cooperation and coordination between the two universities.

Dr. Al Turki made a tour of the university's temporary site. He has already met the President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Ishaq Al Farhan, for similar talks.

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# Ghanaians increase pressure for return to civilian rule

By Alan Rake

LONDON (Gemin) — The people of Ghana are forcing their military rulers by a campaign of sustained protest to return the country to civilian rule for a second time.

The orthodox, well-intentioned and tolerant military government was hoping to produce its own formula. It has embarked on a great search for an entirely new African type of government — called "union government" — and hoped that this would produce some sort of consensus solution satisfactory to all shades of opinion.

It set up an ad hoc committee last January to work out the shape and composition of this government, hoping that it would come up with a formula that would satisfy the civilians while still preserving a military role, either inside the government itself or as a watchdog to intervene if a new government, as the last under Dr. Kofi Busia, went off the rails.

But so far no one has been able to define precisely what "union government" actually means. Gen. Acheampong, head of the military government, has repeatedly stressed that he has no intention of imposing the will of the Supreme Military Council (SMC) on the people and that it was entirely up to them to find the right African solution.

But it has become increasingly clear that "union government" is all things to all men, an unattainable will-of-the-wisp. Critics have pointed out that mankind has tried to seek perfect government over thousands of years and it was highly unlikely that Ghana would find it, at the bidding of a military government, within a few months.

The more politicised Ghanaians, particularly the old Nkrumahists on the left, thought that union government was simply a device contrived by the military government to perpetuate itself in power. Leftwing academics, students and the radical Ghana Bar Association have demand-

ed that the search for union government be dropped and that the country should be returned to normal civilian politics. But General Acheampong severely criticises this line and claims that politics in Ghana have simply been divisive. What was wanted was a method of achieving unity which is the true expression of the African personality.

Fundamentally the Acheampong government is in a dilemma. It is in no sense politically motivated or ideological and its greatest weakness has been its inability to inspire or revolutionise the people's thinking. Most Ghanaians are apathetic, and those that are politically committed want the fiery leadership of another Nkrumah, not the quiet, reasonable voice of Acheampong.

Despite two attempted coups and treason trials, the government has been generally popular, but Acheampong's leadership debilitated by continuing economic weakness, has been quiet and uncharismatic.

When the SMC assumed power it correctly analysed the priorities and put emphasis on agricultural production in two massive campaigns "Operation Feed Yourself" in 1972 and "Operation Feed Your Industries" in 1975. The aim was to produce enough food to cover the basic necessities of life and enough raw materials to keep the wheels of Ghana's comparatively sophisticated industry turning.

But neither of these ideals have been realised. Operation Feed Yourself had a good start and was then hit by two years of drought, disheartening the farmers. Meanwhile there was smuggling in truly massive proportion of all Ghana's agricultural products. Price levels were higher in

the surrounding French speaking territories which were able to pay in a stronger (franc-linked) currency. Recently Acheampong blamed the Ghanaian food shortages on the fact that "we are feeding our neighbours not ourselves". Traditional smuggling of cocoa, Ghana's most important export crop, continued and production has gradually declined in the years since independence.



Gen. I.K. ACHEAMPONG

Meanwhile "Operation Feed Your Industries" did not produce enough local raw materials to keep industry going at full capacity. Factory after factory complained that it was not able to meet its production targets because foreign exchange was rationed and it could not buy necessary raw materials overseas.

Ghana's imports continued to soar, through good cocoa years and bad, and the balance of payments never became sufficiently strong to run an open economy. The more efficiently the exchange control authorities eked out the fore-

ign funds, the more Ghanaians involved found ways to circumvent the mechanism.

This year when there should have been a massive payments surplus, because of the high cocoa price in 1975-76, Ghana is still struggling to find foreign exchange to pay even for basic inputs.

Meanwhile, inflation has averaged 58 per cent and in local foodstuffs has been as high as 75 per cent with the price of eggs tripling in the last two years and the cost of fresh chickens up to four times.

This was the situation that brought the students onto the streets of Accra, the capital, Cape Coast and other urban centres in June demanding political and economic reforms. The government replied by closing down the universities and telling the students they would be sent to work the land. Academics and the professional classes then sprang to the students' defence.

Gen. Acheampong's response, in the face of two months of civilian pressure and unrest, was to give way. He ordered the ad hoc committee on union government to report within three months. A referendum will be held within six months from the date of the committee's report "to decide on the form of government for the country — union or national."

"Thereafter, depending on the choice of the people, a constituent assembly will be set up to draft the relevant constitution under which elections should be held and the transfer of power effected.

"It is not our intention to hold onto power indefinitely, it is envisaged that the process of the transfer of power should be completed as soon as it is practicable."

In response to this pledge the professional bodies did not go ahead with their strike threat. A group of moderates later called on its association to call off the projected strike and encourage the government to carry out its programme for a return to constitutional government.

# World Food Council hopes for a global food reserve by next June

By Roland Dallas

Rome (R) — The World Food Council's ambitious new chief, Filipino Agriculture Secretary Arturo Tanco, is hoping that three breakthroughs will help millions of hungry people within one year.

The handsome, fast-talking, 42-year-old Filipino headed his government's rice production plan which made the country self-sufficient for the first time in many years.

Now operating on an international level, he hopes to see the world set up a big new food reserve, a separate reserve for emergencies and to send 10 million tons of food to poor countries.

The Filipino minister was elected to his new post at a recent session in Manila of the Rome-based council, a ministerial-level body set up by the World Food Conference here in 1974 to plan world food strategy.

"Our biggest hope is for a world food reserve by next June," he said in an interview.

The world's two biggest wheat producers, the United States and Canada, have reached a broad agreement on producing a grain reserve out of their bumper harvests this year.

This reserve would be held in national stockpiles to feed the world's hungry following a series of bad crops. But it still needs some hard bargaining on prices before being set up.

The chance of agreement was opened up by U.S. agriculture Secretary Fred Bob

Bergland, who changed American policy by agreeing that the reserves would be sold on the world market during a shortage once prices rose above an agreed level.

Countries involved in the reserve will now have to decide on this "trigger price" before the International Wheat Agreement expires in June.

As for size, Mr. Tanco says the reserve could be 20 million tons "or as much as 50 million, which are not needed this year."

He also expects that for the first time the world's rich countries will reach the target of 10 million tons worth of food aid by next June.

This target, set by the World Food Conference in 1974, will probably be reached in the financial year ending next June, boosted by aid increases from the United States, Canada and Australia.

Mr. Tanco expects to reach another goal — a 500,000 ton emergency food reserve for unexpected limited food crises — by the end of 1977.

He says the World Food Council has already received pledges of 260,000 tons including 125,000 tons from the United States and had "very strong statements that they would make generous contributions" from Canada and Australia.

Mr. Tanco is also planning a new role for the World Food Council as an adviser of governments at the level of president or agriculture minister. He worries that many of

the world's poorest countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Indonesia, which contain 80 per cent of the world's hungry people, have many aid and cooperation programmes but no cohesive national plan.

"It's a question of selecting a few hungry countries and preparing food plans for them," he says. "It needs vigorous contacts with countries at the political levels."

All the signs are that Mr. Tanco, who has already been a union leader and management consultant before a cabinet minister, is planning to make many of the vigorous contacts himself.

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# Britain's reserves jump \$ 1.85 billion

LONDON, Aug. 2 (R). — Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves jumped by \$1.85 billion last month without the help of any major loans abroad.

The Treasury, giving the figures today, announced that the official reserves now stood at a record \$13.42 billion.

The big increase is due largely to heavy demand for sterling, financial observers said.

July's rise is the sixth monthly increase this year. The reserves have more than trebled since last December when they stood at \$4.12 billion.

Further increases in the reserves are expected in the coming months as the British

government draws \$500 million from a loan arranged with European banks, and the next instalment of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan amounting to about \$350 million.

The latest figures indicate why the Bank of England last week announced a change in exchange rate policy, enabling sterling to rise against the dollar instead of holding it in line with the weakening American currency.

Today's figures include loans taken by Britain's nationalised industries totalling \$56 million and an inflow of \$205 million from the sale of British Petroleum (B.P.) shares in the United States.

The remaining inflow of nearly \$1,600 million was due partly to buying of dollars by the Bank of England on the foreign exchange market, and partly to a growing flow of hot money into the city.

The central bank was in the market almost daily as the dollar declined to maintain the pound at a rate of no more than 1.72 dollar. As the inflow of volatile short term funds grew last week, the bank cut loose from this level, its intervention point since the end of last year, allowing sterling to rise somewhat.

However, the bank has had to continue its interventions in the past week to slow the rise to preserve the competitiveness of British exports and forestall a possible crisis of confidence that might be triggered in the event of a reversal of the trend on the currency market.

## U.S. steelworkers strike

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, Aug. 2 (AFP). — Iron ore production in the U.S. was throttled by strikes yesterday and the steel industry faced the threat of its first major stoppage in almost two decades.

Pickets from the United Steelworkers Union mainly affected mines in Minnesota, which accounts for two-thirds of the country's ore, and Michigan.

A union spokesman said one of the key claims by the striking locals was for 65-cents-an-hour incentive pay, which most other steelworkers receive.

The strikes threatened supplies for Pittsburgh and the Chicago area, and eventually the nation's other smelting centers. A steel industry spokesman said that, because of ore stocks on hand, over-all steel production in the U.S. should not be affected unless the stoppage went on for more than four months.

The last major steel strike, in 1959, lasted almost four months.

The conflict could seriously upset relations between the industry and the million-strong Steelworkers Union, which have been untroubled since signature of a no-strike pact in 1973. That agreement ruled out strikes on a national scale, and management complains the current action is a violation. Labour says the pay issues exist on a local basis.

## Soviet Union embarks on major fast-breeder reactor programme

MOSCOW, Aug. 2 (AFP). — The Soviet Union is going ahead with fast-breeder reactors in a major scale for its civil power programme, even though scientists in various countries have called for prudence regarding this technology.

The subject has never really been publicly discussed in the Soviet Union and, according to some Western experts in Moscow, the issue had been examined only by a few people in the Academy of Sciences, on the state committee covering nuclear power, and on Communist Party committees.

The official send-off for large-scale fast-breeder application was given by the party's 25th congress in March last year. The congress gave the go-ahead as part of the 5-year plan.

This plan provided for "the growth of nuclear power in the European part of the USSR, speedier setting up of fast-breeder reactors, and a start to work paving the way for the use of atomic energy as a thermal fuel."

Soviet nuclear plants are to total 15,000 megawatts in 1980 against 6,000 megawatts early in 1976. Nuclear plants should permit a 20 per cent rise in power potential in the 5-year period.

Western observers concluded that at least ten nuclear units would need to be erected under this programme. The country has 15 so far.

Last December work was started on a factory making prefabricated components for power stations and reactors of 1,000 to 1,500 megawatts.

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	4.3665/95	Swedish crowns
	5.2505/25	Norwegian crowns
	5.9770/9800	Danish crowns

## WALL STREET REPORT

Prices declined Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange, where the industrial average lost more than four points in light trading. Analysts noted that investors were worried about strong signs in the past week that the Federal Reserve Board is tightening credit by encouraging short term interest rates to rise.

Declines outnumbered advances at the close by a wide 896 to 420 margin.

Steels were mixed: U.S. Steel lost 1-1/8 at 34-7/8. Papers and computers were down. Among aerospace shares, General Dynamics lost one point at 58.5.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 887.39, a loss of 4.42 points; Transp at 227.11, a loss of 2.29; utilities at 116.44, a loss of 0.51. 17,910,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,140,000 during the last hour.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market firmed Tuesday with government bonds continuing the active sector. Sentiment here was initially helped by news that government broker supplies of long tap stock had been exhausted.

Early gains of 3/4 among longer maturities were paired while shorts ended mixed. Dealers noticed switching into longs from shorts. The sharp rise in the July U.K. official reserves was fully discounted.

Trading in equities was moderate with a few issues closing a fraction off the top. Average gains ranged between 2p and 4p. Gold shares rose with the bullion price. U.S. and Canadian issues scored modest advances.

The F.T. index at 15:00 was up 6.6 at 452.9.

Thorn electrical holdings gained 10p.

Banks were depressed on the proposed Price Commission investigation into bank charges, with net falls of 3p recorded. Lower interest hopes continued to keep property shares high.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$145.80/oz.

## U.S. COAL MINERS CONDUCT WILDCAT STRIKES

CHARLESTON, West Virginia, Aug. 2 (AFP). — About 1,000 of the 60,000 coal miners engaged in wildcat strikes in the Appalachian Mountain region will demonstrate in Washington on Friday, a spokesman

announced here today.

The strikes have reduced coal output by 3,100,000 tons in West Virginia alone in the last three weeks.

The strikes are demanding better financing of pensions and medical insurance.

There are reported to be 44,000 strikers in West Virginia, 10,000 in Kentucky and 6,000 in Ohio.

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## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

**Saudi Arabia aids Mauritanian defence**

● NOUAKCHOTT, Aug. 2 (AFP). — A portion of Saudi Arabian aid to Mauritania is being used to strengthen the country's defence potential, Planning Minister Sisiould Sheikh Abdullahi has disclosed. Interviewed at the end of an official visit by Saudi Finance and Economy Minister Mohammad Aboul Al Khail, Mr. Abdullahi said the aid was solely in the form of capital for purchase of material and did not include military personnel or hardware.

**Arab buys English manor**

● LONDON, Aug. 2 (AFP). — The duke of Kent's former country home in Iver, Buckinghamshire, the 36-room coppis manor, has been sold to an Arab purchaser for a sum believed between £250,000 and £300,000 it was reported here today. It is the second royal home to be sold to an Arab. Last year an Arab bought Fort Belvedere, once owned by the late duke of Windsor.

**Senate Committee cracks down on big cars**

\* The Senate Energy Committee yesterday voted to break up America's love affair with big automobiles by prohibiting the sale of cars which get less than 16 miles a gallon and providing for fines up to \$10,000 for each car not meeting the minimum. The committee voted 10 to six to put a 16-mile per gallon minimum on 1980 model cars with a 21-mile minimum in 1985.

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## OPEC's Vienna meet will focus on 'special fund'

VIENNA, Aug. 2 (R). — Financial experts of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) yesterday began a two-day session to prepare for a meeting of OPEC finance ministers here on Thursday.

An OPEC spokesman said a chief topic of the ministerial session would be further allocations from the organization's \$1.6 billion "special fund" for helping developing countries with balance of payments difficulties.

The fund was set up last year with excess petrodollars to cushion the effect of higher oil prices on Third World nations.

The spokesman said the agenda being finalized for the meeting did not include discussion of the recent slide of the U.S. dollar, which has effectively eroded the income of OPEC oil producers as their crude is pegged in American currency.

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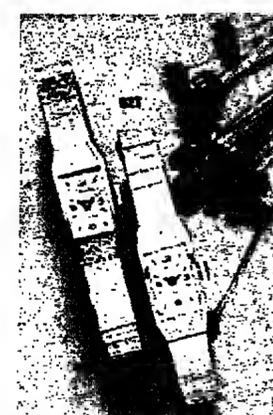
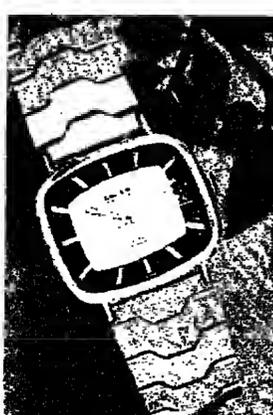
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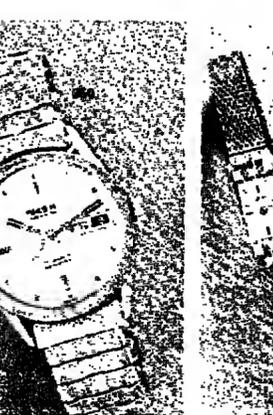
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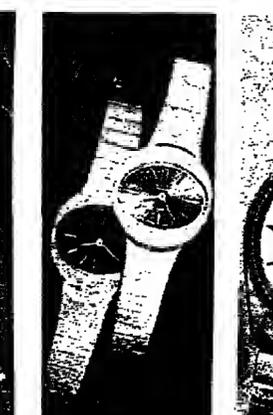
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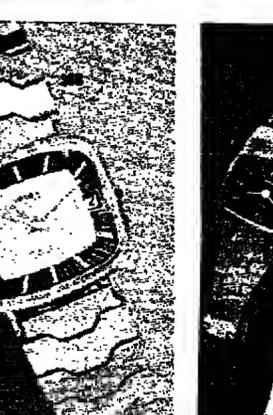
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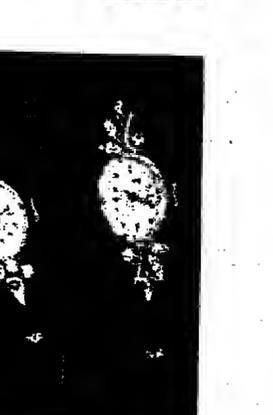











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# Communists call for dissolution of Portuguese parliament

LISBON, Aug. 2 (R). — Portugal's three major parties today described a surprise Communist call for dissolution of parliament and a new general election within 90 days as a desperate political manoeuvre. The Communists came fourth in a National Assembly election last year.

Communist Party Secretary General Alvaro Cunhal, announcing the move last night, also urged resignation of the year-old Socialist minority government of Dr. Mario Soares and suspension of key legislation on which the Communists recently met humiliating defeat in parliament.

Dr. Cunhal had previously opposed an early election, and his bombshell proposal shattered

ed the country's August holiday calm. It also presaged fierce political battles ahead and possibly widespread unrest in the factories and farms as Portugal struggles to solve a critical economic crisis.

Dr. Jaime Gama, socialist Party spokesman, described the Communist move as "an insult to parliament, democratic institutions and the Portuguese people."

He said Dr. Cunhal appeared to believe there was room in Portugal only for Fascism or Communism -- and none for democracy.

The Office of President Antonio Ramalho Eanes declined comment, and there has so far been none from Prime Minister Soares.

But Dr. Manuel Alegre, Secretary of State at the Premier's Office, said the Communist move was a desperate attempt to provoke a new political crisis.

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itself."

Dr. Sarvula Correia, spokesman for the centre-right Social Democrats (PSD), runners-up to the Socialists last year, said the Communist attitude revealed the desperation of what he termed a handful of die-hard Stalinists.

The Portuguese party has often been called the most Stalinist in Europe.

In an apparent reference to an abortive leftwing rising in November 1975, Dr. Correia accused the Communists of wanting to regain the "coup capacity" they achieved in the turbulent transitional period after the 1974 military revolution which ended nearly half-a-century of rightwing dictatorship.

The PSD spokesman said events had shown the correctness of his party's call for a national recovery programme agreed by the three non-Communist parties.

This sentiment was echoed by Dr. Adelino Amaro da Costa, parliamentary leader of Portugal's third party, the conservative Centre Democrats (CDS).

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## Joshua Nkomo: Cuba will supply all available arms

HAVANA, Aug. 2 (Agencies) — Black Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo said yesterday that Cuba has agreed to supply his liberation movement with all the arms it could.

Mr. Nkomo, co-leader with Mr. Robert Mugabe of the Patriotic Front, said his movement had already received weapons from Cuba, the Soviet Union and other communist countries.

But he told a press conference here that the level of future aid from Cuba "would only be limited by availability." Supplies of equipment might be doubled, tripled or increased "five times, depending on whether they are available."

Mr. Nkomo, who arrived here last week for talks with President Fidel Castro, did not specify what the increased arms shipments might entail. But he ruled out the possibility of Cuban troops joining his guerrillas in action.

"We do not request volunteers... We have to fight our own war. We can only seek equipment from our friends," he told reporters.

Asked if President Castro had offered to send Cuban troops to help his guerrillas, he replied: "I've said we fight our own war."

The Patriotic Front is fighting for majority rule in the breakaway colony of Mr. Nkomo said his guerrillas were involved in a "fight to the finish."

He saw no chance of a political solution to the Rhodesian problem.

He said that he planned to visit the U.S. but "not for negotiations, just for talks with any member of the Carter administration who wants to see me." He did not specify any date for his American visit but it is likely to be after his visits to Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana.

Asked about his relations with communist countries, he replied "our relations at the moment are clear, and remind them that we are all fighting against Fascism. Tomorrow we shall be Zimbabwe and we shall remain Zimbabwe."

## FAMOUS U-2 PILOT DIES

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2 (AFP). — Gary Powers, the CIA pilot who was at the centre of an international crisis when his U-2 spy plane was brought down over the Soviet Union in 1960, was killed yesterday in a helicopter accident. He was killed in the crash of a helicopter he was flying to relay traffic-condition reports to a local radio station.

## Israeli court shows interest in Nazareth

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (R). — The Israeli Supreme Court has ordered the Interior Ministry to explain within 30 days why it had delayed approving the budget of the Nazareth Municipality.

The municipality, under its Arab Communist Mayor Tawfiq Zayad, has been feuding for some time with the ministry, and especially with its Northern District representative, Mr. Yisrael Koening.

Relations deteriorated following publication of a "secret" report prepared by Mr. Koening proposing ways of increasing the Jewish population of the Galilee region.

Nazareth, in its appeal to the high court, said it had submitted its budget for the current year well before the deadline and had so far only been asked to clarify some minor points.

It noted that ratification of its last year's budget, had been held up for 15 months.

Following the high court order, issued yesterday, the municipality distributed leaflets saying it would continue its protest against the Interior Ministry over what is termed the ministry's discriminatory practices.

## U.N. plans convention against hostage-taking

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 2 — A U.N. committee set up to draft an international convention against hostage-taking yesterday adjourned its first meeting after about 10 minutes to allow time for consultations on the election of a chairman and other officers.

The 35-member committee, to which only 33 states have so far been named, is due to meet until Aug. 19.

It will try to prepare a draft convention against the taking of hostages in time for consideration by the General Assembly session opening on Sept. 20.

The committee was established by last autumn's assembly as a result of a West German initiative.

In a message to the committee, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim alluded to some of the political difficulties that have so far prevented the U.N. from taking action against terrorism in general, and which some observers believe may al-

so prove an obstacle in dealing with the narrow issue of hostage-taking.

"I am very well aware of the complexities of international relations and sensitive to the aspirations and frustrations of peoples and nations," he said, referring to the belief of many governments that nothing should be done to hamper the activities of what they regard as liberation movements.

"But surely the fragility of human life should not be further endangered by extortion in whatever form," Mr. Waldheim added, in a message read by the U.N.'s Legal Counsel, Mr. Eric Suy.

The secretary general, now in Austria, said the problem of hostage-taking was of great international concern and the past year "marred by a series of shocking and tragic incidents where the lives of innocent human beings were jeopardised or lost when they were seized as hostages."

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JUST HANGING AROUND -- You didn't guess it. That's not a gymnast from Australia. It's Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau demonstrating his trampoline prowess at a picnic in Vancouver recently. (AP wirephoto).

## Son of Sam's 13th victim dies in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (R). — A 20-year-old woman has died with a bullet in the brain, 13th victim of the psychopathic killer "Son of Sam" who has terrorised courting couples in New York for the past year.

Miss Stacy Moskowitz, a blonde from Brooklyn, was on her first date last weekend with new boyfriend Mr. Robert Violante, 20, when the killer crept up on their car parked in a lover's lane.

He pumped two bullets into

the head and neck of Miss Moskowitz and shot out the right eye of Mr. Violante. They were his 12th and 13th victims. Miss Moskowitz was the sixth to die.

After Miss Moskowitz died following eight hours of surgery her mother, Mrs. Neysa Moskowitz, told reporters her daughter would have preferred death to life as "a vegetable" with part of her brain destroyed.

## Khmer Rouge attack Thai border villages

BANGKOK, Aug. 2 (R). — Cambodian troops killed 26 people early today during an attack on two border villages in eastern Thailand, a Thai military spokesman in Bangkok said.

The attack, just before dawn, was the most serious in a series of border clashes this year over disputed territory.

The Thai military spokesman said an unknown number of Khmer Rouge troops attacked the neighbouring villages of Sa-Ngea and Sanlochanang killing 25 villagers and a border patrol policeman.

He said the Cambodians suffered heavy casualties and left behind a large number of weapons as they withdrew across the border about 2 kms. away.

The spokesman in Bangkok said: "We do not know the purpose for the Cambodian attack. Neither our forces nor free Khmers (Cambodian exiles), reportedly operating along the frontier, have been sent into Cambodian territory for operations."

He said Cambodia's communist rulers had recently posted 1,000 troops to the border area, including elite paratroopers. Tanks had been sighted in Poipet town across the border.

fact" the report noted.

In addition, the nine-nation European Community had added an overseas dimension to many British representations abroad.

Increasingly, the European Community provided the channel through which the British voice was heard on international economic and political issues.

"If the United Kingdom is to have influence in the world, it will more and more be as a result of influencing the policies pursued by the Nine as a whole," the report predicted.

The posts recommended for the closure of some 20 embassies and high commissions and at least 35 consulates, were in countries where Britain either had limited interests or where conditions meant that little could be achieved.

While Britain's ability to influence political events had diminished, the range of business between Britain and the rest of the world had widened, the report said.

## Report calls for huge cuts in Britain's diplomatic service

LONDON, Aug. 2 (R). — A government-sponsored report today acknowledged the decline in British power and influence and called for unprecedented cuts in its traditional diplomatic service.

Some 55 embassies, high commissions or consulates would be closed or sharply reduced if the recommendations were accepted.

The report, by an independent "think tank" of five men and two women, headed by Sir Kenneth Berrill, a leading economist, is certain to stir up controversy in the corridors of power.

Fierce opposition is likely from the elitist Foreign and Commonwealth Office to a suggestion that civil servants with specialist knowledge and experience in government departments at home should replace many career diplomats overseas.

This switch, the 442-page report said, might be achieved by merging the diplomatic ser-

vice with the home civil service.

This combined service would create a foreign service group to fill posts connected with overseas representatives not only abroad but in London's ministries such as the Trade Department.

Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labour government called for this radical and comprehensive review in January 1976 while seeking solutions to Britain's economic troubles. But it is not bound by the recommendations.

"This review has taken place after a period of decline in the United Kingdom's power and influence," the report said. "This is because our economic performance since the last war has failed to match that of other industrialised countries."

"Inevitably, therefore, the United Kingdom's ability to influence events in the world had declined and there is very little that diplomatic activity and international public relations can do to disguise this

## Begin faces Knesset row over cabinet's approval of parade

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (R). — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's coalition government today faced a parliamentary row after local newspapers reported his cabinet had narrowly approved a costly military parade to mark the country's 30th anniversary next April.

Israeli cabinet proceedings, including votes, are kept secret and there was no official confirmation of the reports that

Mr. Begin's vote had been the deciding one on the parade.

The papers said 12 of his ministers had split evenly in the vote and two had abstained.

Mr. Begin announced his intention to approve the parade while visiting New York two weeks ago. His announcement brought immediate criticism from many ministers and members of the Knesset who said an estimated 200 million Is-

raeli pounds (\$20 million) was too much for such an event.

Two weeks ago the government announced cuts in subsidies on basic foodstuffs and defence budget reduction in order to ease pressure on the country's strained economy.

The Knesset later today was due to debate five urgent motions by representatives of various parties who are demanding that the parade be called off.

## South African secret police used in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 2 (R). — A South African secret policeman from BOSS (Bureau of State Security) opened fire on stone-throwing blacks who attacked him as he drove through the troubled black township of Soweto today, police said.

It was not known whether he had hit any of the demonstrators, and there was no immediate confirmation of newspaper reports that one black had been injured by police bullets, Soweto police chief Brig. Jan Visser told Reuters.

The incident was the first public indication that South African secret police were active in Soweto where students

in the volatile township boycotted classes for the sixth consecutive day today.

Police said they did not know what the BOSS agent had been doing in Soweto. They declined to identify him, except to say that he was white.

Hundreds of schoolchildren, students and jobless took to the streets yesterday, stoning cars and raiding food stores as a schoolroom boycott in protest at alleged poor-quality black education continued.

Police replied with rubber bullets, tear gas, shotguns and unleashed attack dogs that left several blacks nursing bites.

Today's press reports said Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, both retired generals, were among the ministers who voted against holding the parade. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan joined Mr. Begin among those favouring it, they added.

The English-language Jerusalem Post said in an editorial that "at a time when the army is being urged to cut back on its fat and perhaps even on a little muscle... the parade will be shockingly expensive."

## Kaunda sacks minister in another cabinet reshuffle

LUSAKA, Aug. 2 (R). — Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda has sacked Home Affairs Minister Aaron Milner and replaced him with intelligence chief W. J. Phiri, Radio Zambia announced today.

It quoted the president as saying Mr. Milner had been dismissed because of a number of reports he could not ignore. These reports would be investigated, the radio added.

It was the third government reshuffle in Zambia this year. In April, two ministers were sacked for alleged links with a clandestine political group on the volatile copperbelt.

Last month, President Kaunda sacked Prime Minister Elijah Mudenda and brought in a staunch supporter, Mr. Malinza Chona.

year's elections, to avoid the possibility of embarrassment at the polls in a one-party state.

Dr. Kaunda has also made changes in the Central Committee of the ruling United National Independence Party (UNIP). Former Prime Minister Elijah Mudenda has been appointed Chairman of the Rural Development Sub-committee.

The former chairman of this committee, Mr. Frank Chitambala, has been appointed Chairman of the Youth and Sport Sub-committee, replacing Mr. Fine Libomba, who becomes Full Secretary of the Youth Brigade as a member of the Central Committee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (AFP). — Mr. David Frost, the British television celebrity who interviewed ex-President Richard Nixon four times last May, plans to present a fifth Nixon interview, the New York Times reported today.

The new 90-minute telecast will deal with the controversial system of microphones and tape records installed in the White House during Mr. Nixon's term.

Mr. Nixon will also bring up his efforts to establish friendly relations with China.

The former president contracted to give the four previous interviews for a \$600,000 fee and a percentage of the royalties.

He will merely receive a share of the royalties for the coming interview, the Times said.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### No Rolls-Royce engines for Egyptian MiGs

\* LONDON, Aug. 2 (R). — Rolls-Royce Limited, commenting on a Boston newspaper report, said today it had not arranged to have any of its engines installed in Egyptian MiG aircraft. The Boston Globe had reported that the United States had "secretly approved plans for two defence contractors to use Rolls-Royce Spey engines to help Egypt rebuild its ageing MiG-21 jets. Rolls-Royce Limited has no arrangement for the installation of any of its engines in Egyptian MiG aircraft," a spokesman for the company told Reuters.

### French govt. blamed for anti-nuclear demo

\* PARIS, Aug. 2 (R). — Leftwing groups yesterday accused the government of deliberately provoking Sunday's pitched battle between police and demonstrators at the site of France's first commercial fast-breeder nuclear reactor. One anti-nuclear demonstrator was killed and about 100 injured in the clashes at Creys-Malville, where the "Super Phoenix" reactor is being built. Interior Minister Christian Bonnet has assumed full responsibility for the decision of the local prefect to defend the reactor at all costs. M. Bonnet praised the police for their courage and coolness.

### Arrest made in case of W. German banker

\* FRANKFURT, Aug. 2 (R). — Police have detained a woman in connection with the murder of West German banker Juergen Ponto by suspected leftwing extremists three days ago. Ponto said the Federal Police Bureau in Wiesbaden identified her as Eleonore Maria Peonsgen, 23, and said she was suspected of involvement in the murder. Police are looking for four women and a man in connection with the killing last Saturday, but Frau Peonsgen's name was not on the wanted list. Police said two women and a man killed Herr Ponto, 53-year-old chief of West Germany's Dresdner Bank, at his home near Frankfurt after an attempt to kidnap him failed.

### NATO speaks of new West German weapon

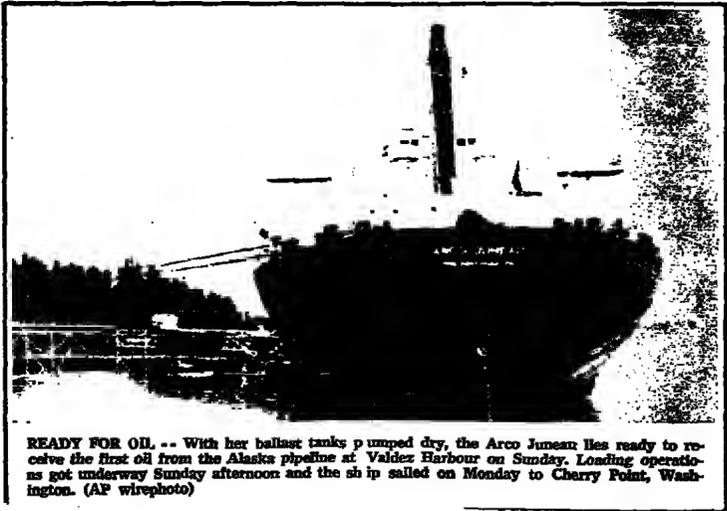
\* BRUSSELS, Aug. 2 (R). — West Germany is secretly perfecting a conventional weapon as deadly as a small nuclear bomb over a limited area, NATO intelligence sources said today. The said the weapon, codenamed BD-1, and basically a huge rock bomb dispenser, could completely destroy an area of 1.25 sq. kms. "The BD-1 could be used without moving from conventional warfare to nuclear warfare, which could happen with the use of a neutron or other nuclear device," said one source. The new weapon would differ in destructive force from the American-developed neutron bomb, which is designed to kill by radiation while doing little damage to buildings. The West Germans have not yet been able to test the BD-1 fully because of the amount of damage it would do to their countryside. They hope to take it to a desert area, probably in the United States, to use it at full force.

### Questionnaire on Korean bribes in U.S.

\* WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AFP). — All but 11 of the 434 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have answered questionnaires asking if they were offered or accepted cash or gifts from South Koreans. The House Committee on Ethics disclosed last night that its questionnaire had also been answered by former members of the House. Another 180 representatives or former representatives made statements of some kind when questioned the committee said. But it failed to disclose if any of congressmen admitted receiving cash, gifts, paid-trips or party invitations.

### Idi Amin becomes the father of twins

\* NAIROBI, Aug. 2 (R). — President Idi Amin became the father of twins yesterday -- bringing the number of his children to 11 according to a Uganda Radio report monitored here. The Ugandan president's senior wife, Madina, gave birth to the twin boys Kampala's Mulago Hospital. They were visited soon after the birth by the president and a group of his other children. President Amin divorced three of his first four wives, retaining only his fourth Madina. But in 1975 Madina was joined by a fifth wife, Sarah, known as "Suicide Sarah" because of her membership of Uganda's so-called Suicide Mechanised Regiment.



READY FOR OIL -- With her ballast tanks pumped dry, the Arco Jumeau lies ready to receive the first oil from the Alaska pipeline at Valdez Harbour on Sunday. Loading operations got underway Sunday afternoon and the ship sailed on Monday to Cherry Point, Washington. (AP wirephoto)

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